

EC-4186. A communication from the Chairman, Merit Systems Protection Board, transmitting, a copy of the Board's Annual Report for FY 2002; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-4187. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Policy, Management and Budget, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to grants streamlining and standardization; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-4188. A communication from the Secretary/Chief Administrative Officer, Postal Rate Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a nomination for the position of Commissioner, Postal Rate Commission, received on September 8, 2003; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-4189. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Uniform Administrative Requirements for Awards and Subawards" received on September 9, 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4190. A communication from the Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, a budget request for fiscal year 2005; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4191. A communication from the White House Liaison, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a designation of acting officer for the position of Assistant Secretary, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, received on September 8, 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4192. A communication from the White House Liaison, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a vacancy for the position of Deputy Secretary, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, received on September 8, 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4193. A communication from the White House Liaison, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, Department of Education, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a designation of acting officer for the position of Deputy Secretary, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, received on September 8, 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4194. A communication from the Director, Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Food Additives Permitted for Direct Addition to Food for Human Consumption; Olestra" (Doc. No. 2000F-0792) received on September 8, 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4195. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, a report relative to the evaluation of the Medicare Subvention Demonstration Project for Military Retirees; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4196. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled Accounting for VA and DoD Expenditures for Medicare Beneficiaries"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4197. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, a report relative to promoting the use of information technology in health care to increase patient safety, reduce medical errors, and increase efficiency; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4198. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, a recommendation for the applicable percentage increase in Medicare's hospital inpatient prospective payment system rates for fiscal year 2004; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4199. A communication from the Associate Special Counsel for Legal Counsel and Policy, Office of Special Counsel, transmitting, the report of a vacancy, designation of acting officer, and nomination for the position of Special Counsel, received on September 9, 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4200. A communication from the Legal Counsel, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, transmitting, the report of a nomination confirmed for the position of General Counsel, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, received on September 8, 2003; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-4201. A communication from the Assistant Attorney General for Administration, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a request of the concurrence of the Office of Management and Budget to consolidate the Attorney General's Semiannual Report to Congress with the DOJ's Annual Performance and Accountability Report; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-4202. A communication from the Commissioner, Federal Election Commission, transmitting, a copy of the Statement of Policy Regarding Deposition Transcripts in Nonpublic Investigations; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-4203. A communication from the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Strategic Plan for Fiscal Years 2003 through 2008; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. GRAHAM of South Carolina:

S. 1607. A bill to establish a Federal program to provide reinsurance to improve the availability of homeowners' insurance; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. SESSIONS (for himself and Mr. HATCH):

S. 1608. A bill to increase the penalties for terrorism against mass transportation and railroads and provide law enforcement with the tools to combat and prevent attacks on mass transportation and railroads; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 1609. A bill to make aliens ineligible to receive visas and exclude aliens from admission into the United States for nonpayment of child support; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BAYH (for himself and Mr. KERRY):

S. 1610. A bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to ensure the adequate funding of pension plans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SPECTER:

S. 1611. A bill to provide for the establishment of a commission to conduct a study concerning the overtime regulations of the Department of Labor; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself and Mr. PRYOR):

S. 1612. A bill to establish a technology, equipment, and information transfer within the Department of Homeland Security; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

By Mrs. LINCOLN (for herself, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. REID, Mr. SMITH, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. LEAHY, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. GRAHAM of South Carolina, Mr. DASCHLE, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Ms. LANDRIEU, and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 1613. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a United States independent film and wage production credit; to the Committee on Finance.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. FRIST (for himself, Mr. DASCHLE, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. REID, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. AL-LARD, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. BAUCUS, Mr. BAYH, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. BIDEN, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. BOND, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. BREAUX, Mr. BROWNBACK, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BURNS, Mr. BYRD, Mr. CAMPBELL, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CHAFEE, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. COLEMAN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. CONRAD, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CORZINE, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. DAYTON, Mr. DEWINE, Mr. DODD, Mrs. DOLE, Mr. DOMENICI, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. ENSIGN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mr. GRAHAM of Florida, Mr. GRAHAM of South Carolina, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. GREGG, Mr. HAGEL, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. HATCH, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. INOUE, Mr. JEFFORDS, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. KOHL, Mr. KYL, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mrs. LINCOLN, Mr. LOTT, Mr. LUGAR, Mr. MCCAIN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MILLER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. NELSON of Florida, Mr. NELSON of Nebraska, Mr. NICKLES, Mr. PRYOR, Mr. REED, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. SANTORUM, Mr. SARBANES, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. SMITH, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. SPECTER, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. SUNUNU, Mr. TALENT, Mr. THOMAS, Mr. VOINOVICH, Mr. WARNER, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. Res. 224. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on the second anniversary of the terrorist attacks against the United States on September 11, 2001; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. COCHRAN (for himself, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. GRAHAM of South Carolina):

S. Con. Res. 67. A concurrent resolution expressing the need for enhanced public awareness of traumatic brain injury and supporting the designation of a National Brain Injury Awareness Month; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 333

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, her name was added as a cosponsor of S.

333, a bill to promote elder justice, and for other purposes.

S. 416

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 416, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for coverage under the medicare program of annual screening pap smear and screening pelvic exams.

S. 480

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS), the Senator from Louisiana (Ms. LANDRIEU) and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. LEAHY) were added as cosponsors of S. 480, a bill to provide competitive grants for training court reporters and closed captioners to meet requirements for realtime writers under the Telecommunications Act of 1996, and for other purposes.

S. 606

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, her name was added as a cosponsor of S. 606, a bill to provide collective bargaining rights for public safety officers employed by States or their political subdivisions.

S. 736

At the request of Mr. ENSIGN, the names of the Senator from Wisconsin (Mr. FEINGOLD) and the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES) were added as cosponsors of S. 736, a bill to amend the Animal Welfare Act to strengthen enforcement of provisions relating to animal fighting, and for other purposes.

S. 852

At the request of Mr. DASCHLE, the name of the Senator from Nevada (Mr. REID) was added as a cosponsor of S. 852, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to provide limited TRICARE program eligibility for members of the Ready Reserve of the Armed Forces, to provide financial support for continuation of health insurance for mobilized members of reserve components of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

S. 853

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. CLINTON) was added as a cosponsor of S. 853, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to eliminate discriminatory copayment rates for outpatient psychiatric services under the medicare program.

S. 939

At the request of Mr. HAGEL, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 939, a bill to amend part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to provide full Federal funding of such part, to provide an exception to the local maintenance of effort requirements, and for other purposes.

S. 953

At the request of Ms. LANDRIEU, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. KENNEDY) was added as a co-

sponsor of S. 953, a bill to amend chapter 53 of title 5, United States Code, to provide special pay for board certified Federal Employees who are employed in health science positions, and for other purposes.

S. 985

At the request of Mr. DODD, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. BINGAMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 985, a bill to amend the Federal Law Enforcement Pay Reform Act of 1990 to adjust the percentage differentials payable to Federal law enforcement officers in certain high-cost areas, and for other purposes.

S. 1019

At the request of Mr. DEWINE, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1019, a bill to amend titles 10 and 18, United States Code, to protect unborn victims of violence.

S. 1197

At the request of Mr. ENZI, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. JEFFORDS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1197, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to ensure the safety and accuracy of medical imaging examinations and radiation therapy treatments.

S. 1246

At the request of Mr. ROBERTS, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. LUGAR) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1246, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for collegiate housing and infrastructure grants.

S. 1298

At the request of Mr. AKAKA, the name of the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1298, a bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to ensure the humane slaughter of non-ambulatory livestock, and for other purposes.

S. 1396

At the request of Ms. SNOWE, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1396, a bill to require equitable coverage of prescription contraceptive drugs and devices, and contraceptive services under health plans.

S. 1531

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the names of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. MILLER) and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) were added as cosponsors of S. 1531, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of Chief Justice John Marshall.

S. 1557

At the request of Mr. SARBANES, the name of the Senator from California (Mrs. FEINSTEIN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1557, a bill to authorize the extension of nondiscriminatory treatment (normal trade relations treatment) to the products of Armenia.

S. 1601

At the request of Mr. CAMPBELL, the names of the Senator from South Da-

kota (Mr. JOHNSON) and the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. DOMENICI) were added as cosponsors of S. 1601, a bill to amend the Indian Child Protection and Family Violence Prevention Act to provide for the reporting and reduction of child abuse and family violence incidences on Indian reservations, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 209

At the request of Mr. JEFFORDS, the names of the Senator from Louisiana (Mr. BREAU), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. CARPER), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CONRAD), the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. INOUE) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. LIEBERMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 209, a resolution recognizing and honoring Woodstock, Vermont, native Hiram Powers for his extraordinary and enduring contributions to American sculpture.

S. RES. 222

At the request of Mr. BIDEN, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. FITZGERALD) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 222, a resolution designating October 17, 2003 as "National Mammography Day".

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. HATCH:

S. 1609. A bill to make aliens ineligible to receive visas and exclude aliens from admission into the United States for nonpayment of child support; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. HATCH. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce the Parental Responsibility Obligations Met Through Immigration System Enforcement Act, or PROMISE Act. Sadly, there are many in our society who do not honor their child support obligations, and ultimately, it is the children who are hurt by such irresponsibility. Shockingly, many foreign nationals are able to benefit from our immigration laws notwithstanding their failure to live up to their child support obligations. As a matter of sound policy, our immigration laws should require those who wish to come into or remain in our country to comply with our moral and ethical standards. Let us be clear in our message. If you do not live up to your financial obligations to your own children, then you are not welcome in the United States.

I am introducing this legislation now because it is time to do something to protect many children who are economically disadvantaged or neglected. These children need clothes, food, and shelter—basic necessities of life. Moreover, when the deadbeat parents fail to meet their obligations to their own children, it is our society and our taxpayers who must pick up the cost. Of course, we will do what we have to for the children in our country, but we need to hold the parents responsible and impress upon them we will no